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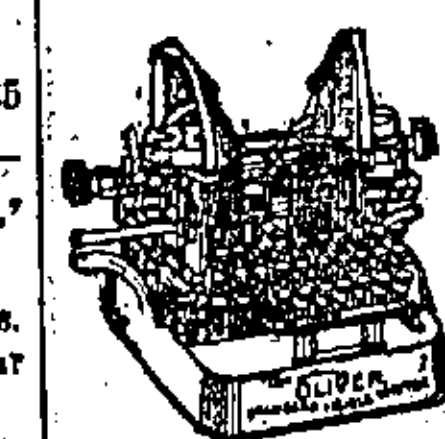
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Noon—Auction German Steamer Decima

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Noon—Meeting of National Bank of

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WEDNESDAY, April 18:—

Transfer Books of Union Insurance

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SATURDAY, April 21:—

8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong

Football Club, at Hongkong Hotel.

SATURDAY, April 23:—

Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-

ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' In-

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The China Mail.

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AMERICA AND CHINA.

"Come here, you dirty nigger,

while I civilize you" is the definition

of America's attitude towards China as

given by Dr A. H. Smith, who is

described in the Boston Herald as "an

authority on China." The phrase,

while striking, does not explain the

situation at all accurately. America, far

from inviting the Chinese to come to it

has given them to understand that if

they come it is at their own risk and

that anyway their room is more desired

than their company. Recent American

files show that the people of some of

the states are singularly ill-informed in

regard to Chinese affairs. The Detroit

News remarks that there is little danger

of a considerable rising in China against

foreigners "since there is no press and

therefore no amalgamated public opin-

ion." The New York Journal of

Commerce is inclined to believe that too

much has been made of the unrest in

China; and quotes approvingly some

remarks made recently by Sir Chentung

Liang-Chong, the Chinese Minister at

Washington. Asked whether Japan's

astounding victory over Russia had not

roused China almost to the fighting

point the Minister replied: "Oh fudge!

That affair may be having some slight

effect on the minds of young fools in

China, but none whatever on the mind

of the soul, the spirit that guides, domi-

nates and directs the destinies of my

country." All this would be very

reassuring did we not know that the

"young fools" during the riots at

Shanghai were receiving open encourage-

ment from the officials and that the

boycott of American goods was at least

permitted if it was not approved.

Whatever pleasant theories are built by

optimistic journals upon the foundation

of the sonorous sentences of Sir Cheng

Liang-Chong the disquieting facts as

we know them remain. The central

Government probably is keenly anxious

to prevent another visitation similar to

that of 1900-1901 but the question is

whether it has the power to enforce its

desires. The American Government was wise in its generation when it decided to hold the troops in the Philippines in immediate readiness to proceed to China, and disregarded the protests of those who declare that there is peace when there is no peace. We have never defended the action taken by certain American officials on the Pacific Coast in connection with some of the unfortunate Chinese whom they maltreated. But it would be perilous indeed for one of the great powers to allow the Chinese to believe that it had been intimidated into acceding to even reasonable demands. The Chinese had a good case for a revision of the American exclusion laws and this had been recognised by the most influential men in the States, including the President himself. But the mistake has been made by China of emphasising these just claims and seeking to accelerate the movements of the American administration by boycotting and hutchery. These are dangerous arguments. Taking everything into consideration those whose interests lie in China will continue to feel much safer so long as what the Americans call the "big stick" is kept ready for immediate use.

"Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes." Such was a bookmaker's motto, who laid the odds in Christchurch (New Zealand). Unfortunately for himself his premises were raided and he was haled before the Supreme Court, where his betting forms, containing the above motto, were produced. The Chief Justice, noting the incongruity of the motto, explained that it might roughly be translated "Avoid your friends when they make tips!" On the paper was a representation of the wooden horse given by the Greeks to the Trojans and another quotation, which His Lordship said might be translated "Put not your trust in horses!" He remarked that he did not know who the ingenious person was who had designed the heading, but it certainly gave good advice. "Which nobody takes," commented the Crown Prosecutor. "Which nobody takes," repeated the Chief Justice, "otherwise it would not be there."

Mr Jerome K. Jerome has been exciting the amusement of some American newspapers by some remarks he has made lately about American humour. The American is firmly convinced that the Britisher has no sense of humour. John Bull is always to him a heavily respectable and dull-witted person who is devoid of either initiative or humour. "It is a distinct novelty to be instructed by an Englishman in the science of humour" is the dry-way in which the New York Globe expresses its amazement at anyone who is not a native of the States, pretending to know anything about the subject. Mr Jerome, who was one of the pioneers of the "New Humour," declared that the American taste for humour had become vitiated and that the Britisher still likes the "subtle touch." As Mr Jerome was at the time lecturing in America he sugar-coated the pill, possibly having one eye fixed upon the booking office receipts. He explained that so many brilliant men had joked in America that the public had become satiated. None of the American papers were unkind enough to suggest that it was appreciation of this fact that decided Mr Jerome to start on his lecturing tour. But the New York Times manages to be sufficiently cruel, as the following extract will show:—"We have a dim suspicion that Jerome K. Jerome does not prove himself a genius in either observation or deduction when he says that so many and such brilliant humorists have written for Americans that we have become jaded and inappreciative of our present-day builders of the lofty jest. It is all nonsense to say, as Mr Jerome does, that England still likes a 'subtle touch' which America no longer feels. But there it is Mr Jerome's business, in a way, to talk nonsense, and Heaven forbid that he should catch us taking seriously what he meant humorously!"

This is the age of discovery, not of new lands and peoples, but of new attributes and potentialities in the common things which lie around us. Every now and again some Columbus of Science breaks forth from obscurity and proves to his own entire satisfaction that a steady and sustained diet of cabbage stalks or walnut shells will ensure a vigorous old age. The latest discovery according to the *Lancet* is that common deal wood is a valuable food and medicine, and that "brown bread is not in it for its tonic and invigorating effect." There is commendable caution in the manner in which the *Lancet* considers this novel claim, and that sedate journal even condescends to be jocular in regard to its possibilities. If wood becomes a popular diet the menu of the future will be delectable reading and the framers of that most interesting class of literature will have to study Latin instead of French. It may be anticipated that upon the tables of the cultured mahogany chops and iron bark cutlets will figure while a fine round of oak will make its appearance at the Sunday dinner of all patriotic Britishers. A new industry—teeth filing—will spring into existence and this may settle the unemployed difficulty. It should perhaps be remarked that the discoverer of the dietetic excellencies of deal is an inmate of an English workhouse, and the *Lancet*, with truly marvellous discernment, is half inclined to believe that this is a "clumsy attempt to joke on the subject of the workhouse bread."

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The French Mail of the 6th March was delivered in London on the 9th April.

A sudden death occurred yesterday on the Chinese Recreation Ground near Hollywood Road. The man was a Chinaman who, while walking on the recreation ground, suddenly dropped dead. The cause is certified to have been heart disease.

Money in his Shoes.

A Chinese bar boy was proceeded against, at the Magistrate's court, this morning, by the proprietor of the Occidental Hotel, Kowloon, on a charge of stealing \$11.20 cents. The evidence showed that Mrs. Matthey found that the boy was putting money into a cigar box instead of into the till. When he was arrested and searched at the police station he was found to have nine dollars odd concealed in his shoes. This the boy pleaded was his own property but Mr F. A. Hazeldan did not believe his explanation that he usually kept his money in his shoes and imposed a sentence of three weeks' imprisonment with six hours in the stocks.

A Thief's Undoing.

A Chinaman who had made a successful raid on two houses in Macdonnell Road, Kowloon, was leaving by the down spout last night when he came to grief. He had only just commenced the descent when he lost his hold and fell to the pavement below, striking his head with such force as to render him unconscious. The noise attracted a policeman who discovered that the injured man had a lot of clothing wrapped round his body, which, on inquiries being made, was found to belong to the inmates of the houses. The man was arrested and brought before Mr F. A. Hazeldan, at the Magistrate's court, this morning, who imposed a sentence of three weeks' imprisonment with six hours in the stocks.

Japanese Railway Nationalisation.

The Bill which was introduced into the Japanese Diet recently for the nationalisation of the railways of Japan has only an indirect interest to foreign investors. The whole operation will be of a strictly local character, and will not involve the issue of bonds for cash. The scheme now propounded has been drawn up to meet an agitation carried on for some years past in favour of the State ownership of the railways, it being urged that the Government revenues would benefit considerably from the economies which are rendered possible from the placing of a great network of lines under one management. The method of purchase will be for the State to buy out the shareholders of the railway companies in National Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, the price paid being determined by twenty times the average net profits of the lines during the last three years, the cost of construction entering into the basis of computation. Thus, whatever the price of purchase, the transaction will be carried through by the handing over of bonds, and no recourse either to home or foreign money markets will be necessary. It is considered that the State will be fully reimbursed within 45 years at least from the date of the purchase, but substantial benefits are expected to accrue at no distant date.

BURNS AND SCALDS.

THE pain of a burn or scald is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm with a feather. It also heals the injured parts more quickly than any other treatment and cures the burnis very severe does not even scar. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

BY TELEGRAPH.

SOUTH AFRICA.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

The Government's Attitude.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, April 7.

During a debate in the House of Commons on the South African question Mr Winston Churchill displayed a conciliatory attitude in his speech.

The Government, he said, wished to see a preponderance of British subjects in South Africa, but he thought that British supremacy must depend on the Dutch as well as the British.

The Government recognised the claim to the British settlers in the Orange River Colony to care and attention.

THE HUNGARIAN CRISIS.

THE DEADLOCK CONCLUDED.

A New Cabinet Forming.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, April 7.

The Opposition has concluded an agreement which terminates the Hungarian political deadlock.

A new cabinet is now being formed by M. Werskovic.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

GENERAL BOOTH'S TOUR.

LONDON, April 6.

General Booth, at an interview, said that he will start for Japan in October next.

COLLAPSE OF A HOTEL.

LONDON, April 6.

A new hotel in the Black Forest collapsed during a house warming; 42 dead have been removed, and 71 have been injured.

PRINCE VON BUELOW.

Justifies Germany's Policy.

LONDON, April 6.

Prince von Buelow, in his speech in the Reichstag, disclaimed a wish for war for the sake of Morocco, but justified German policy on the ground that Germany wished to show that she cannot be treated as a negligible quantity.

Prince von Buelow is progressing, but is likely to be incapable of attending to business for several weeks.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

LONDON, April 7.

The betting to-day on the University boat race, is 2 to 4 on Cambridge.

THE NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

Germany Declines to Participate.

LONDON, April 7.

The German Banks have refused to participate in the new Russian loan, alleging as a reason, the approaching issue of a German loan in London.

PROPOSED PEACE CONFERENCE.

Scope of its Work.

LONDON, April 7.

The programme of Russia for the second Peace Conference proposes to limit the work to a further elaboration of the rules of procedure of an arbitration court for the consideration of the rules of warfare, including questions of private property at sea, and the rights and duties of neutrals.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr.

Figs of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 9th at 12.1

THE STATE OF SOUTH CHINA.

THE VICEROY ACTIVE.

A Personal Tour Undertaken.

(From Our Correspondent.)

QINGYU, April 8.

Viceroy Shum Chun Huen left Canton at three o'clock to-day for Waichow on a tour of inspection.

Waichow and the neighbouring localities have been for some time past in a state of disorder, despite the instructions repeatedly issued by the Viceroy to the Officers in command of the various garrisons.

In reply to the Viceroy's latest despatch assurances were given that the district had quietened down, but His Excellency was not satisfied with the reply and has undertaken this visit to see for himself.

ALLEGED MURDER.

At Ping Chau.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Magistrate's office, Li Lan was charged with the murder of a Chinese girl at Ping Chau Island on March 4. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defence.

Sergeant Boulger stated that the complainant, a relative of the deceased girl, took him to a place in the island where he said the girl's body was buried. He obtained assistance and exhumed the body and sent it to the mortuary in a police launch. He was shown where the girl was said to have been murdered and both that place and the spot where the body was buried were very secluded and away from the inhabited parts of the island. There was a lot of blood on the ground near the first spot pointed out. The deceased's throat was cut and there were wounds on the back of her neck, on the right cheek and below the left collar bone. Death was due to these wounds.

At this stage the further hearing of the case was adjourned.

LIVES SAVED AND PROPERTY STOLEN.

Rescuers Prosecuted.

A peculiar case of robbery occurred yesterday which illustrates Chinese methods of levying toll on each other. It appears that the heavy squall which passed over the Colony about 11 o'clock on Sunday morning captured a fishing boat which was caught unawares near Po Toi, which is in the New Territory, a little beyond Saikong. Four Hoklo boats, engaged in dredging for coral, were anchored close by and witnessed the accident. The nine inmates of the fishing boat were thrown into the water and the coral fishers seeing that they must drown if unassisted went to their rescue. This they accomplished, picking the occupants of the boat out of the water and towing the upturned craft to the shore. Here, however, their hospitality ended, for they set the dripping fishermen ashore and at once helped themselves to everything of value that the boat contained, in this way stealing clothing, money, and jewellery, to a total value of \$265. The master of the fishing boat reported what had taken place to Inspector Robinson, at Shaikwan police station later on in the day, and he engaged a launch and went to the spot. Here he found the four boats still at anchor and on searching them discovered \$45 in money and some articles which the fishermen identified as his property.

Seven men were arrested and charged, at the Magistrate's this morning, with stealing from a craft in distress.

The defendants in their statements declared that the clothing and other articles were given to them by the complainant, who was grateful for being rescued, and wished to reward them.

The complainant in reply to Mr. Hazeldene, denied that he had promised to give or had given the defendants anything for saving his life. His Worship said that he would convict the defendants of the charge but, taking into consideration the case, and seeing that the defendants claimed the goods as a matter of right, he did not propose to do more than bind the defendants over in the sum of \$100 each to come up for judgment when called upon.

ORIENTAL PUNISHMENTS.

Prisoners' Eyes put Out.

Reuters' correspondent at Peshawar, says the Standard, writing on February 12, reports the arrival of the Amir of Afghanistan at Jellalabad. On February 2 six offenders were publicly punished by having their eyes put out. One of the culprits was a Ghani, who was accused of taking bribes, and thus oppressing the people; the other five were Shanwaris and Khorasani, who had extorted supplies from people for the Amir's camp. The complaints were inquired into by the Amir himself, and all the accused were rendered blind.

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE.

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LINGERING COUGHS.

PERSISTENT coughs that continue through the spring and summer months indicate severe throat or lung trouble and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

LICENSING COURT.

Transfers Granted.

A meeting of Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistrate's office this afternoon. Mr. F. A. Hazeldene presiding. The Justices also present were Messrs. C. D. Melbourne, T. F. Hamner, and H. G. Simms.

The business was the consideration of an application from Joseph Henry Newbold for permission to remove the business now carried on by him under an adjacent license No. 51 Dea Vaux Road Central, under the style of the "Owl Grill Room" to Nos. 45 and 49 Dea Vaux Road Central.

There were no police objections and the application was granted.

The second application was from Albert W. Slaton for the transfer to him from Antonio Fonseca of the adjacent license to retail intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the "New Connaught Hotel," No. 13 Queen's Road Central.

This application was also granted, there being no police objections.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Coming Meeting.

On Friday, Saturday and Monday next the first rifle meeting to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Volunteer Rifle Club will take place at the Taihang range. There are twelve competitions in all but the entries to hand by midday to-day were very disappointing.

For the Championship of the Volunteer Corps there were ten entrants; for the Rifle Handicaps twenty-two; for the officers' competition fifteen for the disappearing target and twenty-two for the handicap aggregate.

In view of the strength of the Volunteer Rifle Club these are very small entries, and it is to be hoped that those who have not yet entered will do so as soon as possible. The date for the closing of entries has been extended until Wednesday, at 10 a.m. after which date no entries will be accepted, unless the competitor forfeits his handicap points. The handicapping committee will meet on Wednesday and the handicaps can be obtained at the Committee tent before the shooting commences.

Refreshments can be obtained on the ground, but it is suggested that competitors provide their own lunches. The shooting will commence each day at 10 a.m. and will finish about 5.30 p.m.

The full particulars of each competition are contained in the programme, copies of which can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Lieut. Northcote.

THE PARTNERSHIP CASE.

Damaging Evidence.

The action in which the Official Receiver sought for a declaration that Wong Co. Cheung was a partner in the Lai Hing bank was continued at the Supreme Court to-day before Sir Francis Pigott (Chief Justice) and a jury.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C. (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Bratton), appeared for the Official Receiver and Mr. W. M. Slade (instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding) represented Wong Co. Cheung.

Wong Co. Cheung cross-examined by Mr. Sharp said:—In 1899 I retired from the Lai Hing firm and since that time I have not returned to the firm as partner. I remember an action in which Wong Wo Sai proceeded against Wong Sing Nam and myself for dissolution of partnership in the U Loon Chi firm.

Mr. Sharp—in that action did you file an affidavit stating that you were a banker carrying on business under the style of the Lai Hing Bank?

Witness—It was the solicitor who made the mistake. After the conclusion of that action—which was decided in my favour—I advertised in the papers that I had no business in Hongkong at all.

Mr. Sharp—Did you instruct your solicitor that you were a banker?

Witness—No I did not. I was not carrying on business as a banker at that time; nor have I done so since 1898. Mr. Wei On was my solicitor in that action.

Mr. Sharp—Does Mr. Wei On speak Chinese?

Witness—Alittle. (Laughter). He speaks the Hongshan dialect. The affidavit was explained to me before I signed it, and I told the interpreter that it was not true that I was a partner, but he said it was not important.

Mr. Sharp—And he made you swear to it as true?

Witness—Yes. I think I mentioned this to Mr. Wei On, but I am not sure of it.

Mr. Sharp—Do you remember filing another affidavit in the same case a month later, making a similar statement?

Witness—No.

Mr. Sharp—And another one on the same day?

Witness—No.

Mr. Sharp—Are those your signatures? (Handing up the affidavits).

Witness—They are not my writing.

Mr. Sharp—It is stated in the pleadings that he was a banker and in the defence it is not denied.

The case was not concluded when we went to press.

A REMEDY THAT IS TRULY MAGICAL IN ITS POWERS TO RELIEVE PAIN.

MR. LEWIS ROBERTS, Manager of Madras Co-op. Stores, of Madras, India, says:—I certainly think Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is one of the best medicines made. I had been suffering from an attack of colic and after trying a couple of prescriptions without relief, a friend suggested that I take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I did so and the result was truly magical for it gave me immediate relief. About that time several of my staff were attacked in a like manner and out of this same bottle I cured them all. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SPORTING.

V.R.C. Athletic Meetings.

The Victoria Recreation Club's athletic sports which took place at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon were indeed successful, both from a social as well as an athletic point of view. The various events were well contested and the large number of spectators present seemed to enjoy them, while the music provided by the Band of the Second Royal West Kent Regiment was excellent and well chosen. The arrangements were all that could be desired, no hitch occurring during the afternoon, while for a wonder the events were run off at or very close to the times given. The energetic committee who had charge of the sports arrangements worked hard and the success of the meeting was largely due to their efforts.

The enclosure was reserved for competitors and officials, and Mr. E. C. Jordan, who acted as Clerk of the Course, kept it clear of others, thereby ensuring the spectators in the grandstand and elsewhere an uninterrupted view of the competitions. The judges and referee did their work well and their decisions were not questioned. The secretary of the Club (Mr. Frank Lammer) and the Steward (Mr. G. Leabrook) were hard at work during the whole of the afternoon and must have felt relieved when the meeting concluded.

The first of the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. H. Mody was the most popular of the day and the veteran was cheered enthusiastically when he took his prize. Mr. Watson won his first race nineteen years ago, at the age of 22, when he came in first in a quarter-mile event at Nelson, Scotland. He was in receipt of 34 yards start and most of the best amateurs of the day. His running was so much better than he was expected to do that he was brought back from 34 yards to eight yards from scratch, from which mark he has several races to his credit. Despite his age (Mr. Watson is almost 42) he is a great enthusiast as ever and his experience in all branches of sport is always placed at the disposal of any of the amateurs who seek it. He has trained a great number of men for various events and several of our local amateurs owe Mr. Watson their thanks for "tips" which have proved of great value to them. With this race Mr. Watson retires from active participation in races, though it is too much to suppose he will entirely retire from the arena of sport, but in future his work will be of the quieter order. His win on Saturday gave him the possession of the Challenge Cup which he has won twice in succession, and there was not a runner on the ground on Saturday who begrudged him his win. In view of his retirement Mr. Watson entertained a number of his friends at dinner at the Hongkong Hotel later in the evening, when the usual toasts were drunk.

Lieut. Benbow, another popular sportsman, who won the high jump, and came third in the long jump, walked in from Mrs. Bay on Friday, in order to be in time for the sports.

On Saturday we gave the results of some of the races, which we now supplement by the following:—

GRASS RACE (60 Yards, Handicap).—Post Entries. Open to Girls between the ages of 8 and 10. First and Second Prizes presented.

There were a large number of starters but Miss J. Winterburn, who received a fair start, won from Miss P. Almada, after a good race.

120 Yards HURDLE RACE.—(10 Hurdles).—Previous Winner at Hongkong or elsewhere to be penalized 20 yards. First Prize presented by Mr. Geo. Murray Bain; Second Prize presented.

There were only two starters for this event—T. U. Gray and G. B. Down—and the event proved a farce. The distance was reduced to sixty yards, and neither competitor exerted himself, Down winning very easily in twelve seconds. During the race the band played "Oh So Gladly" which, in view of the extreme slowness of the race, was quite appropriate.

BICYCLE RACE.—Three Miles (Handicap).—Start in Saddle. First Prize presented by Mr. C. P. Claver, K.C.; C.M.G.; Second Prize presented.

There were ten starters and the long race was shown up well in the first half-mile, but after that it was seen that the race would be between Forbes, Alves, Lambert, and perhaps Greenwood (the scratch man). After the first mile had been covered Lambert, led from Alves and Forbes, came to a standstill. By degrees the others gave up, until only the five mentioned were left in. In the eighth lap, Forbes fell, but quickly remounted. He lost about half a lap by his accident and Carroll had gone into third position. After the tenth lap Carroll was ahead of Alves and Alves was unable to hold the orange and Lloyd beat him home. Alves (probably by his propensity for aquatics) had no difficulty in getting an orange and filled second place. Result:—

R. M. W. Lloyd, R.N., ... 1
N. H. Alves ... 2
J. Forbes ... 3

SACK RACE (50 Yards).—First Prize presented. Second Prize presented.

There were seven competitors for this race. Ribeiro was first of the mark and he staggered home a winner by about two yards from R. B. Bala, last year's winner.

CONSOLATION RACE (120 Yards).—Open to all Competitors (except those in open events). Prize presented by Messrs. Falconer & Co.

A. V. Barros and D. E. Carvalho made a good race of this, the other four starters being left early. Barros lasted longer and won by about a foot.

Result:—

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T. M. 15 seconds.

After the conclusion of the races the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Oldwell. All the prize winners were heartily cheered.

Mr. F. R. Lammer (Hon. Secretary) handed Mrs. Oldwell a bouquet of flowers in a silver holder and called for three cheers for the ladies, and for the secretary of the Club, finished the proceedings.

TUG-OF-WAR (Semi-Final).

The 88th Company R.I.A. defeated the 87th Company R.I.A. "Kent" with two straight pulls in twelve and eight seconds respectively.

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The final for the tug-of-war saw the two Artillery teams pitted against each other. The 87th Company, despite the fact that their end man was suffering from a broken finger, won two pulls in succession and lasting 1 min. 8 1/2 sec. and the other 31 sec.

BOYS' RACE, 100 YARDS (Handicap).—Post entries before 2 p.m. Open to all Boys between the ages of 6 and 10. Handicap at the post, age to be stated on entry. First and Second Prizes presented.

Seven competitors started in this event, and again the first prize went to the Navy, M. A. J. Hood, R.N., (35 yards) winning from R. Stevenson on the same mark. Hood went to the front soon after the start and led the field the whole distance. He dropped out early, followed by Gardiner a little later on leaving Hood and Stevenson to fight the race out. The former was too far ahead of the latter, however, and won easily. The first lap was run in 60 3/5 sec.; the second in 76 sec.; third 76 1/2 sec.; and the last in 78 3/5. The full time being 4 min. 51 1/2 sec., the second man being 4 1/2 seconds behind.

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE.—Open to Soldiers, Sailors and Police. Entries to be given to the Starter not later than 2.15 p.m. First, Second and Third Prizes presented. (Post Entries).

There were five starters for this race and after his performance in the recent R. G. A. Sports, Gunner Heard was expected to win. He did so, but not without a big effort, for Gunner Anderson pushed him hard. He won in the last hundred yards. Gunner Cleese was third. Time: 2 min. 20 1/5 sec.

GRASS RACE (100 Yards, Handicap).—Post Entries. Open to Girls between the ages of 10 and 15. First and Second Prizes presented.

Quite a large number of "tots" came out for this event and there was indeed a fight to the finish when they were let go. Miss E. Caldwell won. Miss Dorothy Lodge being second.

440 YARDS FLAT RACE (Challenge Cup).—To be won two pulls in succession before becoming the property of a Competitor. First Prize presented by Mr. H. N. Mody, Second Prize presented.

Five started. Watson was first away and at one hundred yards led by a couple of yards, Kinnaird being second. The leader increased his advantage to four yards in the second hundred, when he won in 1 min. 50 sec. on Kinnaird. Cruz and Stevenson dropped out in the third century and then Ribeiro fell behind, leaving Watson and Kinnaird to finish alone. The positions were not altered and Watson won fairly easily.

Result:—

J. J. Watson ... 1
J. D. Kinnaird ... 2
Time 57 1/5 sec.

STEEPLECHASE (380 Yards).—First and Second Prizes presented.

J. Forbes led from the start and after successfully getting through the various obstacles blocked at the water tub. Inside the tubs were a number of oranges one of which the competitors had to get out of the water with their mouths and not use their hands. Forbes was unable to get hold of the orange and Lloyd beat him home. Alves (probably by his propensity for aquatics) had no difficulty in getting an orange and filled second place. Result:—

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BILLIARDS.

THE GODDARD CUP.

Captain Goddard, who is leaving by the German Mail on Wednesday next for a holiday, recently presented a handsome silver cup to the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, to be competed for in a Billiard handicap. Some interesting games have been played in this competition and four players are now left in, Messrs W. J. Crawford, K. Lapsley, J. G. Gow and W. J. Russell. The semi-finals, we understand, are to be played off shortly, between the couples as mentioned.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The fortnightly dance of the R. E. N. C. O.'s Mess will be held on Thursday evening next, instead of Friday, as usual, the latter day being Good Friday.

A mission is to be held in St. Joseph's Church, commencing on Thursday, and concluding on Easter Sunday. The mission will be conducted by the Jesuit fathers on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Saturday 6.30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Mrs. Hugh Fraser, who is in Tokyo on a special mission, is contributing articles to an English newspaper on the present position of Japan, and she hopes to have ready this year an important book on the New Japan. Mrs. Fraser is *persona grata* at the Japanese Court, where the past her husband played as the first British Minister is held in grateful remembrance, and she has consequently enjoyed special facilities of observation and intercourse with the leading men of the country.

On Saturday afternoon a party of students of the Sanitary Institute were conducted over the new work in connection with the Kowloon Water Supply by Mr. L. Gibbs, A.M.L.O.E. Mr. E. A. Hewatt, attended. A very pleasant and instructive afternoon was spent. The following students attended: Messrs J. R. F. Raven, W. S. Bissell, D. A. O'Halloran, H. E. Godsmith, S. R. Boyd, T. L. Benbow, Dr. Caldwell, Mr. Kinnaird, Mr. Clarke, R. Hemmings, R. Hudson, G. W. Cogh, J. W. White, R. Duncan, Jos. B. Winter, C. W. Brett, B. L. Frost, W. J. Lawton, H. J. Knight, C. E. Frith, A. Ramsay, H. E. Haggard, and Alfred Carter, Actg. Secretary.

The annual dinner of Old Devonians was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday evening, there being over twenty present. Mr. A. Shilton Hooper presided, with Mr. M. S. Northcote in the vice-chair. During the evening various toasts were honoured, and the following officers were re-elected for the coming year:—Mr. A. Shilton Hooper, President; Mr. M. Northcote, Secretary; the old committee, with the addition of Dr. W. W. Pearce. Captain Austen, R. N. R., extended an invitation to the company present, including their wives and children, to take a trip to Macao in the s.s. "Wingchik." Captain Austen's host. The invitation was accepted and it was left to the Committee to select a date for the outing. During the evening the Chairman was able to announce that the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regt. had won the Naval and Military Cup Competition for 1905.

Evil Powers Drowned By Lasers.

The Lascar crews of three P. and O. vessels at Tilbury Docks spent six hours on March 8 marching round the docks singing and dancing.

They wore strange garments, carried grotesque representations of birds, and had with them a mahogany car decked with artificial flowers. This car was eventually thrown into the Thames to signify the drowning of the evil power.

The natives, who had been given a holiday for the occasion, were watched by large crowds. A strong force of police was present to prevent any fighting between the different casts.

MODERN WARSHIPS.

Sir W. White's Startling Statistics.

Some interesting statistics as to the rapid growth of the size and of the cost of modern warships were given recently at the Society of Arts by Sir William White, in the course of the fourth Cantor lecture. It seems that from 1885 to 1902, when Sir William resigned his position as Director of Naval Construction, in consequence of illness, the total expenditure in the British Navy on new construction, exclusive of armaments, was about 84 millions sterling, and including armaments, was at least 100 millions. During the last seven years of that period the total expenditure on ships exclusive of armaments exceeded 50 millions, and in the year 1900-1 it reached nearly nine millions. Out of the 84 millions spent on ships and machinery between 1885 and 1902, it had been estimated that more than 60 millions was spent on labour in the United Kingdom.

The lecturer gave brief descriptions, and exhibited pictures of typical battleships, from the Royal Sovereign class up to the Lord Nelson class, and of the contemporaneous battleships in certain foreign navies. He showed that in British battleships the displacement in the period of 18 years had increased from 14,000 tons to about 16,400 tons; that the cost (exclusive of armaments) had increased from about £200,000 to about one and a third millions. In the King Edward class, the cost of the hull was rather more than £400,000, the armour costing about the same amount, and the expenditure on labour, being about £250,000.

The propelling and auxiliary machinery cost more than £200,000; the gun mountings, mechanisms, and torpedo tubes cost about as much as the propelling machinery, and the incidental charges of the Dockyard spent on the hull represented £200,000, making up the grand total of the estimated cost of the Dreadnought just launched had not been published, but the Secretary of the Admiralty stated some time ago that it would be about 14 millions sterling, and more recently unofficial statements have appeared to the effect that it may be 14 millions sterling.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

Feculiarities of the "Dreadnought."

One of the most remarkable features of the new battleship "Dreadnought" is that she will have two distinct rudders and two sterns, a feature which will reduce the strain on the engines and steering machinery, and remove much of the danger of a breakdown in this most important department. There are four shafts and propellers, two inside and two outside the double stern, and thus the risk of disabling injury to the propelling machinery will be diminished. The turbine engines bring the weight in the ship low, and this is another great advantage from the constructor's point of view. The bulkheads below the armour decks will have no doors or openings in them—a feature which already distinguishes German battleships—the importance of this having been emphasised by the experience gained during the war in the Far East. The officers will be berthed forward instead of aft, which is a complete change from custom in the past. The masts will be of comparatively light pattern. Special protection against mine and torpedo attack has been introduced in the ship, as in all the new Japanese warships, and the magazines have been the subject of great attention. The fate of the "Hetsu" and "Petroflovsk" has shown the danger of leaving the magazines unprotected underneath.

NAVAL NEWS.

Rear-Admiral E. S. Poo, commanding the East Indies Squadron, has been promoted vice-admiral, getting the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Harry T. Grenfell, second-in-command of the Mediterranean Fleet. Vice-Admiral Poo was appointed to his present command some six months ago, and as it is a rear-admiral's command, he will vacate it, but hardly till he has completed a year's duty. This well-known Irish officer gets his second flag at a little over 44 years of service. He has an outstanding record of useful service in the Navy, though he has never seen any war service, but that is not his fault.

Another promotion of local interest is that of Captain P. E. Tiller to be Rear-Admiral. He is well-known on the China Station, where he commanded the "Dido" during the Boxer troubles, and rendered good service in connection with the transport of the expedition which reduced the country to a pacific state.

The report of the Auditor-General upon expenditure for naval services shows that there was an unexpected surplus of £29,818 on the year 1904-5. The report draws attention to extras, amounting to £246,875, expended on three battleships of the "Dominion" class and five cruisers of the "Devonshire" class. These arose in consequence of the changes of Admiralty policy after the contract for the ships had been made. Mention is also made of payment of £2,000 to Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott for his inventions in connection with naval gunnery. The gross expenditure on the Navy for the year was £38,859,881, of which £454,282 was for the maintenance of the active service, and £2,403,399 for half-pay, pensions, and gratuities.

The Committee on Naval Designs has, it is stated, recommended that no more small protected cruisers be built. The war fleet of the future is to consist of battleships and armoured cruisers, the torpedo flotillas and submarines forming separate self-contained forces. It is at present doubtful whether any more "scouts" will be constructed. The eight boats of the "Sentinel" class, of 3,000 tons and twenty-five knots, are now all in commission. While they are serviceable boats of their type, it is held that the great increase of speed in the latest armoured cruisers renders the latter vessels adequately qualified to act as the "eyes of a fleet."

Their superior sea-keeping qualities and much wider radius of action consequent on a large coal endurance, held by naval tacticians more than to compensate for their average deficiency of about two knots speed compared with the existing batch of "scouts." This reduction in the number of warship-types is perfectly consistent with the doctrine of homogeneity of units—advance on the principle of homogeneity of distinctive classes—which the Admiralty are slowly but steadily materialising.

The second-class cruiser "Flora," Captain H. Grant-Dalton, of the China Squadron, and the second-class cruiser "Cambrin," Captain Gault, C.M.G., of the Australian Squadron, have been detailed for a long cruise on the Pacific Coast, which has been practically unvisited since the abolition of the Pacific Squadron. The cruisers will meet at Honolulu on April 1, and from that point they will cruise in company. There is no doubt but that British prestige in the Pacific has declined since the abolition of the Pacific Squadron, which usually consisted of half a dozen cruisers and gunboats, and which is now represented by one solitary sloop and a survey ship.

Lieut. B. L. Wymer, R.N., has been appointed to the gunboat "Thistle," which is coming out to the China Station. This officer joined the service in January, 1899, and got his Lieutenantcy in December, 1904. He was recently employed in command of a torpedo-boat. The "Thistle" will do part of her voyage to China under sail.

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Hongkong, April 3, 1906.

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W. W. COOK, is carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's s.s. Victoria, 5,523 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is second before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London (other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Arabia, due in London on the 2nd June, 1906).

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 25th April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 25th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 25th June
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 25th July
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 25th Aug.
ZEVEN	WEDNESDAY, 25th Sept.
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BATERN	WEDNESDAY, 25th Nov.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of April, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD, Captain H. KROEMER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPOILS, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be issued till Noon on Monday, the 2nd April, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th April, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Tuesday, the 10th April.

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To New York, via Suez	\$21.0.0	\$14.0.0	\$9.0.0
Via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar	\$21.0.0	\$14.0.0	\$9.0.0
Via Bremen or Southampton	\$21.0.0	\$14.0.0	\$9.0.0

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	Sailing Dates
PRINZ SIGISMUND	TUESDAY, 1st May, 1906.
WILHELM	TUESDAY, 29th May, "
PRINZ WALDEMAR	TUESDAY, 29th June, "

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of May, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ SIGISMUND, Captain LEY, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this Port as above, calling at Manila, Simponhafen, Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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To New Guinea	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To Brisbane	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To Sydney	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To Melbourne	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To Yokohama	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
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Hongkong, March 31, 1906.

PRISONER'S DARING ESCAPE.

Monte Christo Story from Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 12.

An escape was made from the Berlin Central Prison in the early hours of this morning by means which would have done honour to Monte Christo.

Three convicts, Baranovski, Goldbach, and Muller, were incarcerated in three adjacent cells on the topmost floor, and by "prison telephone," that is, by a system of tapping on the heating apparatus pipes, had arranged all the details of the flight for last night.

With pieces of wire taken from the spring mattress of his bed Baranovski, who occupied the middle cell, bored a hole through the wall separating him from his left-hand neighbour, while the other neighbour similarly made a hole into Baranovski's cell.

The work occupied six hours, and when the three assembled in Baranovski's cell another hole was torn, some made with the same tools through the ceiling.

Dawn was breaking when the three men stood on the roof, and the utmost speed was now necessary, lest the guards caught sight of them.

Baranovski, in whose brain the whole adventure was planned, attached to the cornice a rope made of strands secreted during the months he had worked in the prison tailoring shop, and with the help of this he let himself cautiously down into the courtyard.

Muller successfully followed his example, and Goldbach slipped when half-way down, and fell 60 feet on to hard pavement, where he lay to be left with broken bones and unconscious.

The two others were now confronted by the prison wall. For scaling this obstacle they had brought with them a strong rope made of twisted strips of bedclothes.

At one end of this rope was a hook made from portions of the bedclothes, the object being to slip it over the walling in the hope that it would catch in the masonry on the other side.

Baranovski made the first attempt by imitating a dakenman's throw, and curiously enough the hook caught immediately.

He climbed up the rope, and in a moment was over the wall and in freedom. Just as Muller was following, however, the hook gave way, and as he was throwing it a second time the guards came round the corner and ordered him to stop.

Goldbach was not fatally injured. No trace of Baranovski has yet been discovered.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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NOTICE

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S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, April 7, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

S. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 7, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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S. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1906.

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THE Company's Steamship Palamotta, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

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100 YEARS OLD.

A Contemporary of the Georges.

In a comfortably furnished room at the Home for the aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Meadow-road, Lambeth, sits a pathetic figure. It is that of James McNally, who on February 15 entered upon his 110th year, and received the congratulations of his friends.

When Shakespeare wrote his impressions of the seven ages of man, concluding with the

Last scene of all

That ends this strange eventful history,

Is second childishness and mere oblivion,

Sane teeth, sane eyes, sane taste, sane

everything.

He had not reckoned on McNally. Here is

a man reputed to be one hundred and nine

years of age, and said to be the oldest

subject of the King, who has not yet reached

second childishness, whose eyes, if not so

bright as they used to be, are still

serviceable, and whose taste at any rate as

regards tobacco, is unimpaired.

He sits by the window in a wheel chair,

clad in a blue dressing gown, and wearing

a bright red skull cap. He is having his

photograph taken on his birthday, and

beside him is a small table, with a bowl of

flowers, surrounded by numerous birthday

cards, sent by sympathizing friends. He

has had an exciting day, and is inclined to

doze, and the photographer is in despair.

"Get him to open his eyes," says the

latter to the sister who is in charge.

"Look out of the window, Grandfather,"

commands the sister. "There's your friend,

Mr. Jones, in the garden. Do you see

him?" "Yes," replies the old man,

raised for the moment, and the camera

man is satisfied.

Then the interviewer has his turn.

McNally is slightly, but not very, deaf.

He apparently listens, but is not inclined

to talk, and the reason is soon made

known. His pipe has gone out, and he

replenishing a juvenile friend of his,

aged 63, comes to the rescue, fills and

lights it, and then places it in the old

man's mouth. The result is encouraging.

McNally puffs steadily away, and begins to

take an interest in the conversation. The

sister has been explaining to the inter-

viewer that McNally was in the United

States for twenty years. "But you were

glad to get back to England, were not

you?"

"Who said so?" snapped the old man.

"I did," then he went on excitedly.

"No, no," the English people are as good

and kind hearted as anyone I've met, but

their country can't hold a candle to

America. That's the place for me."

Asked why he went to America, McNally,

who is a native of King's County, replied,

"Because I wanted to, and because I had

to keep my poor old mother." It is re-

ported that at eighty years of age he worked

regularly as a labourer in New York,

and even at that advanced time of life was

able to carry a hod of bricks up a ladder.

It is fourteen years since, having exhausted

what little savings he had, McNally

sought refuge in the home, at 95 years of

age. On the occasion of his hundredth

birthday, Archbishop Bourne took an

active interest in verifying the date of his

birth, and apparently was satisfied, for it is

now officially recognised in the home.

"I think the Almighty has forgotten all

about me, and that I shall stop here till the

end of the world," is McNally's explanation

of his great age. He is very grateful for

the many attentions paid him by the

sisters, and, on the whole, his lot seems to

be to be in pleasant places.

Born in Ireland in 1797, four years

previous to the Union of Great Britain and

Ireland, McNally has lived in three

centuries, under five sovereigns, and

through thirty-five Governments. Two

years ago his case was brought to the notice

of the King, who made inquiries about him,

and then sent him a birthday present.

Yesterday, following the usual custom, the

aged inmates of the home were given a

treat in honour of "Grandfather's" natal

day.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 9, 1906.

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On 720 days sight, ... 20 1/2

On 750 days sight, ... 20 1/2

On 780 days sight, ... 20 1/2

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On 1110 days sight, ... 20 1/2

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